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Mr. Tim Luke
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RE: Alder Creek Guidance Document and letter dated July 29, 1999.

Dear Mr. Luke,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Alder Creek Guidance Document and also the information on filing a late stock water claim.

I would have liked to responded to what you call the "Alder Creek Guidance Document". Since it is not an official IDWR document because it is not dated, signed or written on official IDWR letterhead stationary, I am requesting that my comment period be extended until I receive an Official Alder Creek Guidance Document.

Thank you for the results of the water measurement that you took on July 23, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. on Alder Creek. We would appreciate copies of all the measurements taken by IDWR/watermaster on Alder Creek. We also plan on measuring the Creek frequently. However we believe in order for a water measurement to be truly fair and accurate, it should be measured morning, afternoon and evening, and then an average could be taken.

I reported to you on July 27, 1999 that someone had shut off Alder Creek and was diverting the creek water into the canal, you stated that the watermaster had been told that until measuring devices are installed the same amount coming in should be going out. Again thank you for your quick response as the following morning the board was removed. From observation there still appears to be a lot more water coming in then going out.

Respectfully,


Vivian J. Ellwein

Cc: Norman C. Young, IDWR